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A FATAL ACCIDENT

Scott Joseph Mangled By Gasoline Engine. Flesh Stripped Off. Died Monday.

One of the saddest, most unexpected and most painful accidents happened to a thrifty, popular and powerful young man Thursday of last week which has been to chronicle in this county since Martin Maddox of Triplett fell on a whirling saw at his mill years ago.

Scott Joseph, a young man of South of the Grove was in company with several others, making preparation to saw wood with the gasoline engine used on his hay press and a power saw. The engine is equipped with a clutch for use on the hay press, and rests on skids. A bar of iron 12 to 16 inches long and about 3 inches wide extends from the main drive shaft on the engine and connects the clutch between engine and hay press. The engine on its skids was removed from the truck and placed on the ground and connected by belt with the saw pulley. The belt would not stay on, and in order to line up the engine pulley with the saw pulley a hand spike was obtained by young Joseph and placed under the engine frame to move the end a fraction.

James Clavin was hold of the lever with Joseph. The machine was on slanting ground and the thaw of the ice and snow rendered the place where they stood slippery. The engine was running full speed. Simultaneously with pulling up on the lever the feet of both men shot from under them, Clavin falling backward and Joseph forward on the whirling iron bar. It caught his jacket and quicker than that wound him round and round as tho he were a spin wheel. The machine was stopped as quickly as possible and the unfortunate man, the clothes all torn from his person, his left arm broken in two places, the upper being at the shoulder, the flesh partially stripped from the entire arm and his left side having the flesh stripped from it, was picked up. His right arm was also broken and minor injuries sustained and while medical aid hastily arrived, he was in most serious condition. Other surgeons were called Friday and Saturday, but the victim of treacherous footing and deadly gas engines was in such a state that operation had to be deferred.

Sunday morning Drs. Zillman of this city, Hawkins of Salisbury and Latum of Brunswick operated on the hopeless case as a last effort to alleviate his sufferings, taking the left arm off at the shoulder joint, reducing the fracture of the other arm and patching the rent left side.

Monday morning the young man expired, having conscious intervals from the time of the accident until just before his death. He leaves a wife and a daughter about 7 years of age. He was about 30 years old and a son of Leander Joseph, deceased.

To Capacity

There was another large crowd at the M. E. church Wednesday night. There were no sensational developments as some expected but Rev. Meyers preached a strong sermon and some went to the front front of the church to seek the way to light. The church and Sunday school room has been filled to capacity for the past week.

Miss Grace Closson went to Salisbury Wednesday morning.

Hamilton-Johnson.

Will Hamilton Jr. and Miss Mabel Johnson were married at Salisbury Tuesday by Rev. Stormont. We failed to get more particulars but we do not fail to heartily congratulate each of these estimated young people on the conquest of others. Mrs. Will Hamilton daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of the Forks, is one of the very highly prized young women of the county and Will Jr. the son of Judge and Mrs. Will Hamilton of near town is a young man any parents or wife might well be proud to own. The Courier's sincerest wishes for their happiness and prosperity is cordially extended.

County Masons Meet

There will be a meeting of the Masons of the county, in Salisbury next week, at which there will be representatives of the different lodges in the county. It is the first annual meeting of the Chariton County Association of Masonic Lodges. There are to be three candidates, one for each degree. The work is to be exemplified by the lodges from Westville, Brunswick and Salisbury, each giving one degree. The session will be the day and night of Wednesday, February 20.

Foot Mangled.

While throwing a switch in the yards at Brunswick Wednesday afternoon, Extra conductor Frank Hutchinson had his foot badly mangled by being run over by a freight car which was being switched. Hutchinson's foot became fast between the rails in such a way that he could not get it out in the moment before the car reached him and three of his toes were crushed as well as the ball of the foot and the prospect is for the loss of the foot by necessary amputation.

Pull Together.

We need a pull together. So long as the town is made up people who will pull the other way just as soon as one fellow starts pulling this way that long will it amount to nothing. The town has need of the men who can put their hand to the plough for the good of the whole town with out the assurance that he first will get "his." We need a lot of things here but more than anything else is that we need men and women of higher ideals and broader minds.

Long Lived Physicians.

To those who hope to outlive their physician and thus beat him out of his bill, the last journal of the American Medical Association holds out but little hope. It shows that the death rate this year for physicians was 14.41 per 1000 while the average for the past twelve years was 12.71. The average length of life since 1914 has been 60 years and the terms of practice from one to 70 years with an average of 34 years.

Lost Five Dollars

A resident of Keytesville in Salisbury Saturday night lost a five-dollar bill. If there is finder over at the second city of the county, it would be a pleasure for the loser to again see his five-dollar bill. If the finder did not care to keep what was not his, the owner could be reached through the Courier office.

Abe Martin Says

Mrs. Tilford Moots' niece wuz taken suddenly ill t'day an' died before th' doctor could git in from th' links. A trombone wuz declared t' be a musical instrument by Squire Marsh Swallow's court yesterday.

NEW LAWSUITS FILED

More Cases Go to the February Term of Court at Salisbury.

Nancy L. Drew has entered suit against Louis A. Drew for divorce. She alleges that she married Drew in 1884 and that he lived with her until December 15, 1913. He then left her, according to the bill for divorce and is now living with a woman named Lillie Cramer, as her husband. The complainant says she is living on their farm of 20 acres valued at \$1200 and asks the court in decreeing divorce to give her a share of this property.

Robert Eadie has sued H. Steinbach et al for a note for \$95 and interest to date.

John D. Taylor has entered suit in attachment for \$100 vs. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Norman of Bloomington, Illinois, claiming \$100 of an attorney fee of \$200 he says they contracted to pay him for legal work. They paid \$100, he says and he wants the rest.

L. L. Figgins vs. Gus Graham comes from Randolph county on change of venue from Moberly where the plaintiff got judgment for \$153.40 against the defendant who appealed and the appeal came to this county.

J. Kelley et al sue Wm. Kelly et al for quieting title to a half ne 17-55-17.

Elizabeth Cox has entered suit for \$725 against her former husband. She says that at the time of her divorce they agreed on certain division of property, etc. and since the divorce the former husband refused to live up to his agreement regarding certain chattels and that plaintiff believes he has no intention of living up to his agreement. She says she is damaged the amount of \$725 and asks the court to award her so much.

Dudley Hoersch is held under \$500 bond to the February term of the circuit court. He is charged with carrying a concealed weapon, a revolver and also with resisting arrest by an officer, a constable of Chariton county who sought to take him in charge.

90, Wants To Run.

David Gardner, aged 90 years and a resident of Livingston county for the past 79 years is getting a little careless in his older boyhood. He has issued a challenge to any 90 year old boy to run a foot race for a purse or anything else of value. It seems queer that some of the old chaps can't grow old gracefully. With one foot in the grave and the other on a banana peeling it seems that he ought to forego the pleasure of his teens.

Mrs. Newkirk \$3800.

Mrs. Newkirk who sued the Wabash railroad for \$50,000 for the death of her husband who was hit by a train near the Musselfork bridge, was given a verdict for \$3800 damages by a jury in Livingston county where the case was taken on a change of venue. The verdict was returned late Sunday afternoon. The case probably will be appealed.

Meadville and Wheeling are being connected to Chillicothe by the electric light circuit. The farmers living along the highways and byways between the towns mentioned also will have lights if they want them. Electric lights are great civilizers.

Finis Stamper of Salisbury was in the city on business Thursday.

Money Wasted

Sol Bertig, a merchant of Paragould, Ark. engaged two floors in the Planters Hotel, St. Louis, 83 rooms, had them specially prepared, ferns as numerous as along the banks of the Chariton, other decorations in the way of gilded pedestals, lavender satin hearts peeping from thousands of yards of smilax, Venetian urns at all corners from which draped and banked in feathery tulle and purple eyed pansies, American Beauty and Killarney roses from all the hot-houses in the city, gold edged hearts with the initials of the bride and groom suspended from the fingers of cupid, music from numberless lutes and other love-strung instruments galore, a wedding supper fit for royalty and a bank draft covering the cost of a magnificent residence property with 24 rooms furnished to start with—all this and more because his daughter married a shirtmaker of Cincinnati, O. Tuesday night. Rather a bad beginning for it must be kept up to keep down disappointment.

Horses Healthier

It is said that the almost-epidemic of deaths of horses in this neighborhood on account of disease thought to be the result of eating corn stalks, is about over. The deaths are much less than a week or so ago when many horses were lost. A local veterinarian says he has proved to his own satisfaction that the deaths were caused by acute indigestion and not any poisoning. However, the general opinion prevailing is that deaths were due to poisoning of some kind caused by eating corn stalks which developed poison of some kind during the extremely dry weather.

Revival Needed

If persons going to the church during the revival, open up and confess all their sins and all those they know of their neighbors, the real need of a revival of religion here, not merely a protracted meeting, would be apparent. There are too many people here who think that in going to church, one fulfills the law and the prophets. There being 6 other days in the week when church-going is not possible, it leaves a considerable latitude for the practice of the many other virtues in addition to the habit of going to church.

Business Brisk Soon

Last week the indications in the banking centers were for a better business era soon. Interest rates had a tendency to decrease, money is accumulating in the money centers and instead of England unloading American securities it is said that English money is still being loaned here. Indications are for a boom in the business conditions soon.

Vote On Suffrage

The house has gone to a vote on the question of a change in in the national constitution to admit women to the suffrage. The proposition was defeated. But, submission of both the question of national prohibition and women suffrage to a vote has shown the growing sentiment of both movements. Neither could have gotten to a vote five years ago.

Find Oil Near Glasgow

While boring a well on the farm of W. R. DeWitt about two and one half miles northeast of Glasgow, a small flow of oil was struck at a depth of one hundred feet. At four hundred feet a deposit of oil, gas and salt water was reached. An effort will be made to get money to bore the well one thousand feet or more.

TO BEAUTIFY COUNTRY

Every Highway to be Lined With Delicious Fruits—Maybe.

The following from the American City Magazine, New York is based on an interview with Frank W. Buffum, state highway commissioner, when he was in Macon:

An interesting campaign to beautify public roads, parks, church, school and cemetery grounds is being carried on by Frank W. Buffum, Missouri's highway commissioner, in connection with his activity for better highways.

In Mr. Buffum's home town of Louisiana, Mo., there is a big concern known as the Stark Nurseries. Mr. Buffum has observed at the close of every shipping season the nursery people burned from 50,000 to 60,000 young trees that had not been sold. He induced the nursery firm to give him those trees for distributions to towns and counties which would agree to plant and look after them. The freight is the sole expense to those applying for them.

As a result of this idea many miles of tree-bordered highways can be seen in the counties of Northern-Central Missouri. The first planting was in Lincoln and Pike counties, where the trees have reached the bearing stage. They are planted 70 to the mile on each side of the road. County courts or persons asking for the trees are notified that they will be expected to look after them carefully; this means that the weeds are to be kept down, the trees regularly sprayed and in dry weather the proper mulch created for the roots. Where no interest is shown in protecting the trees the commissioner does not repeat the gift.

The care of the trees by county courts will in time more than repay the early expenditure of labor, and the produce, Mr. Buffum figures, will yield a surplus to be devoted to road improvement. No complaint has been made that the fruit has been appropriated by the general public—at least in the eastern counties near Mr. Buffum's home. The public is appreciative of an enterprise of that kind and will nearly always respect it. It is expected, of course, that the occasional tourist will help himself by the wayside to the fruit that he needs for the moment, and anyone who would steal the fruit to sell would steal as readily from a private orchard.

The proposition of the enterprising road commissioner is being eagerly accepted by county courts, school and church boards, and, if suitable appreciation of the gifts is shown, in a few years Missouri will become famous for its beautiful highways, church and school grounds, and parks. The trees that have been set out are apple, peach, cherry and plum. Missouri soil is well adapted to all these varieties.

Last spring through the Brookfield Commercial Club, a large amount of the trees were contributed to Linn county and the farmers planted them along the highways.

This fruit tree idea of Mr. Buffum's is timely in connection with the state-wide campaign for beautifying school grounds, both in town and in the country. In most of the Missouri schools tree culture and farming are taught as a regular course. The students are assigned to the care of the trees as a part of the regular study course, and they have entered upon the work eagerly.

Many schools are located on barren hillsides or on flat and unsightly town lots. The fruit trees are an important step toward the transformation of unattractive surroundings into cool and pleasant park-like grounds.

"Homelike is the expression," remarked Mr. Buffum. The idea is to make Missouri a home-like state, and I cannot conceive of anything that will bring us more quickly to that result than to see growing along our highways and about our schools and churches fruit-bearing trees, thrifty and well cared for. Our people have shown gratifying eagerness in carrying out the plan, and in time I look for a splendid transformation, state-wide in its beauty."

The Presidents Speech

President Wilson delivered one of the longest, most direct, fullest of human understanding and choicest language speeches he has made since becoming a candidate for President. It was at Indianapolis last week and before a big gathering of representative democrats and men of other political faith assembled at a banquet.

Numbers of the big dailies pretended to have discovered in some part of the talk an intimation that Mr. Wilson would again seek the presidency, but with all due respect to the perception of all such, we would like to have the barest suggestion of such an idea on his part. We have no doubt but that his party will call him to bear its banner again, but so far as anything expressive of a desire for the office again cropping out in his remarks public or private, with Weller we would remark "so far" from it, on the contrary, quite the reverse." Blythes interview with the President published in the Saturday Evening Post last week deals with plain human facts according admirably with the current of the thoughts expressed by him at Indianapolis.

What a great piece of good fortune for the country, the democratic party, yes, even the big world, that he, Woodrow Wilson, was nominated and elected, instead of any other applicant. He has proved genuine, able, progressive, passionate and always seeking the best interests of his country. If he will accept the responsibility again, why not trust him with it?

Mrs. Sam Harlan

Mrs. Sam Harlan, of Prairie Hill, who resided about one and one-half miles west of this city about two years ago, died at her home Wednesday afternoon. She leaves a husband, daughter and one son. L. L. Arnsperger, wife and two sons, of South Clark street went to Prairie Hill Thursday and will attend the funeral, which will be held Thursday or Friday. Deceased was Mrs. Arnsperger's sister-in-law. Mrs. Harlan was well known in this city as a splendid Christian woman.—Moberly Democrat.

Tried For Insanity

Deputy Sheriff Gardner went Bee Branch township Wednesday evening for Wilmor Broyles, charged with being insane. He was brot in Thursday morning and the county court heard testimony in the afternoon and found from the evidence that Broyles was a person of unsound mind.

He was sent to the asylum at St. Joe this (Friday) morning.

While business has been quiet here it is in Salisbury and elsewhere. Some of the merchants have been taking their annual invoice.